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United Nations  
Peacebuilding

**PBF PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT**

*Updated October 2024*

**COUNTRY:** Bosnia and Herzegovina

**TYPE OF REPORT:** SEMI-ANNUAL, ANNUAL OR FINAL: ANNUAL

**YEAR OF REPORT:** 2024

**PROJECT OVERVIEW**

**Project Title:** Support to a PBF Secretariat in Bosnia and Herzegovina to enhance strategic direction, coordination, and peacebuilding impact

**Project Number from MPTE-O Gateway:** 00140395

**If funding is disbursed into a national or regional trust fund:**



Country Trust Fund



Regional Trust Fund

**Name of Recipient Fund:** N/A

**Type and name of recipient organizations:**

**RUNO**

**UNDP**

**Date of first transfer:** 30 November 2023

**Project end date:** 30 November 2026

**Has this project received a cost or no cost extension?** No

**Will this project be requesting a cost or no-cost extension?** N/A

**Is the current project end date within 6 months?** No

**Check if the project falls under one or more PBF priority windows:**



Gender promotion initiative



Youth promotion initiative



Transition from UN or regional peacekeeping or special political missions



Cross-border or regional project

**Total PBF approved project budget (by recipient organization):**

- Please enter the total amounts in full US dollars allocated to each recipient organization
- Please enter the original budget amount, amount transferred to date and estimated expenditure by recipient.
- For cross-border projects, group the amounts by agency, even where transfers are made to different country offices. You can provide the detail in the attached budget.

Recipient organisation	Budget Allocated (in full USD)	Amount Transferred to date (in full USD)	Amount spent / committed to date (in full USD)
UNDP	1,575,575	945,345	64,823.72
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,575,575</b>	<b>945,345</b>	<b>64,823.72</b>

Approximate implementation rate as percentage of total project budget: 4%

**\*ATTACH PROJECT EXCEL BUDGET SHOWING CURRENT APPROXIMATE  
EXPENDITURE\***

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The budget templates are available [here](#)

**Implementing partners**

To how many implementing partners has the project transferred money during this reporting period (*for June reports: January-June; for November reports: January-November; for final reports: full project duration*)? N/A

Please list all of the project's implementing partners and the amounts (in USD) transferred to each during this reporting period:

<i>Name of Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Type of Organization (ex. Govt, civil society, etc.)</i>	<i>What is the total amount (in USD) disbursed to the implementing partner during this reporting period?</i>	<i>Briefly describe the main activities carried out by the Implementing Partner (1500 characters)</i>
	Please select		

**Gender-responsive Budgeting:**

Indicate what percentage (%) of the budget contributes gender equality or women's empowerment (GEWE) as per the project document? **38,79%**

Indicate dollar amount from the project document to contribute to gender equality or women's empowerment: **USD 611,237.50**

Amount expended to date on efforts contributing to gender equality or women's empowerment: USD 611,237.50

**Project Gender Marker: GM2**

**Project Risk Marker: Low**

**Project PBF focus area: 4.3 Governance of Peacebuilding Resources**

**Steering Committee and Government engagement**

Does the project have an active steering committee/project board?

The inaugural meeting of the Peacebuilding Committee of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) was held on 19 February 2024. It was co-chaired by the United Nations Resident Coordinator (RC), Ingrid Macdonald, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of BiH, Elmedin Konaković. Other participants were representatives from the key state-level institutions (Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees of BiH, and the Ministry of Civil Affairs of BiH), bilateral donors (Embassies of Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, Egypt, and Japan), international peacebuilding partners (Heads of OSCE, Council of Europe and the European Union in BiH,) along with civil society organizations (CSOs) focused on women and youth.

The Peacebuilding Committee is designed to guide and oversee the PBF initiatives in BiH, enhancing cooperation on broader peacebuilding efforts that ensuring alignment with the country's EU accession aspiration, notably to advance Key Priority 5 of the European Commission's Opinion on BiH's EU membership application (on fostering an environment conducive to reconciliation).

During the meeting, the Eligibility Framework granted to Bosnia and Herzegovina for 2023-2027 was presented, that outlines a strategic approach to fostering reconciliation, strengthening community ties;

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increasing women's participation in decision-making; and empowering young peacebuilders - all in close partnership with relevant government institutions and CSOs across the country.

If yes, please indicate how many times the Project Steering Committee has met over the last 6 months?  
(3000 characters)

The newly established PBF Secretariat at the Office of the RC in BiH, has taken on the role of facilitating the second meeting of the Peacebuilding Committee, which is planned for December 2024 at the latest. While the inaugural meeting of the Peacebuilding Committee took place in February 2024, the PBF Secretariat has been focused on ensuring that the committee functions at full capacity, engaging all relevant stakeholders, and securing the necessary institutional backing. The second meeting will provide an opportunity to assess the progress of the current PBF portfolio, discuss upcoming priorities, and ensure alignment with the overall peacebuilding strategy in the country.

In addition to preparing for the second meeting, efforts are underway to advocate for the formal adoption of the Peacebuilding Committee's establishment - Council of Ministers (CoM) of BiH Decision to further strengthen Committee's role and foster peacebuilding process in BiH.

Also, the work is actively ongoing to establish the Advisory Group that would support the Committee's work. It will consist of representatives from all levels of government and will play a crucial role in ensuring that peacebuilding initiatives are responsive to the needs of different regions of the country. The formalization of this Advisory Group is expected to be integrated within the CoM decision.

In summary, despite one meeting of the Peacebuilding Committee has taken place thus far, the PBF Secretariat, since it's fully equipped in summer 2024, has worked diligently to facilitate the second meeting, advance institutional formalization, and ensure the full operationalization of the Peacebuilding Committee and its Advisory Group.

**Please provide a brief description of any engagement that the project has had with the government over the last 6 months. Please indicate what level of government the project has been engaging with (3000 characters).**

Over the past six months, the PBF Secretariat has engaged in dialogue and advocacy efforts in BiH, to ensure that peacebuilding remains high on Bosnia and Herzegovina's policy agenda and that the country's peacebuilding efforts are well-coordinated and supported at all levels of government. The primary engagements have involved key ministries at the state level, reflecting the PBF's commitment to fostering a cohesive and inclusive approach to peacebuilding. Key engagement has been with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of BiH, as co-chairs of the Peacebuilding Committee. Peacebuilding has been consistently featured in the Minister's international bilateral dialogues and engagements, underscoring its importance in the country's foreign policy and international relations, including at the UN level in NY. Furthermore, this is also accomplished through continuous engagement with the Ministry of Civil Affairs of BiH (main signatory of the Dialogue for the Future 3 – DFF3 project), Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees of BiH (main signatory of primary signatory for Women, Peace, and Security-WPS project) and Ministry of Communication and Transport (main signatory of the project implemented by War Childhood Museum Foundation).

PBF Secretariat has also initiated collaboration with the Ministry of Justice of BiH, in order to set the pathway for the upcoming consultancy on transitional justice.

**Report preparation:**

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Have all fund recipients for this project contributed to the report? Yes

Did PBF Secretariat or RCO focal point review the report? Yes

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**NOTES FOR COMPLETING THE REPORT:**

- Avoid acronyms and UN jargon, use general /common language.
- Report on what has been achieved in the reporting period, not what the project aims to do.
- Be as concrete as possible. Avoid theoretical, vague or conceptual discourse.
- Ensure the analysis and project progress assessment is gender and age sensitive.
- In the results table, please be concise, you will have 3000 characters, including blank spaces to provide your responses

**PART I: OVERALL PROJECT PROGRESS**

Please rate the implementation status of the following preliminary/preparatory activities (*Not Started, Initiated, partially Completed, Completed, Not Applicable*):

Contracting of Partners	Not Applicable
Staff Recruitment	Completed
Collection of baselines	Initiated
Identification of beneficiaries	Not Applicable

Provide any additional descriptive information relating to the status of the project, including whether preliminary/preparatory activities have been completed (i.e. contracting of partners, staff recruitment, etc.) (*3000 characters*):

The PBF Secretariat team successfully completed its recruitment process in October 2024, when a full team was assembled, comprised of the PBF Manager, Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Analyst, Communications Analyst, and Finance/Admin Associate. Each team member brings specialized expertise, ensuring the Secretariat is well-equipped to carry out its mandate and objectives effectively.

The Secretariat has benefited from the strategic guidance and support of the Peace and Development (PDU) Unit within the UN RC's Office (RCO), strengthening the Secretariat's operational foundation. Additionally, the Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO) provides valuable insights and resources that help align activities with the broader UN peacebuilding goals. In August 2024, the IC recruitment of a national expert was finalized - to provide strategic advice to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of BiH.

Collaboration with the RCO and UN agencies in the country is a key operational focus for the work of the Secretariat. The close coordination enables the Secretariat to leverage broader UN resources, align its initiatives with ongoing peacebuilding efforts in the country, ensuring cohesive approach. The Secretariat's integrated structure and network of support help it to respond effectively to emerging needs, drive cohesive and impactful programming, and sustain long-term peacebuilding initiatives.

The recruitment of an international Transitional Justice consultant has also been finalized, with the first field visit planned for the end of November 2024. The recruitment of the national consultant has faced some delays due to operational issues. Deliverables on the national consultant will be adjusted to align with the plan of international consultant to ensure seamless collaboration.

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To enhance understanding of peacebuilding efforts and measure progress in social cohesion and trust building, the Secretariat is in the process of commissioning service provider to conduct a public opinion poll. The survey will lean on the previously commissioned public perception surveys in 2015, 2019 and 2022. This upcoming activity will cover both entities and the Brcko District, involving face-to-face interviews with a representative sample of the population (at least 1,000 people), along with up to six focus groups in different locations across BiH. These focus groups aim to capture nuanced public sentiments and validate the survey results. The sample will be inclusive of all segments of the BiH population, with particular attention to women, youth, the elderly, and marginalized groups. Additionally, efforts will be made to ensure that this survey complements other relevant research being conducted during the same period, particularly those that are project-based.

The RfP was closed on 28 October 2024 and the evaluation of offers is expected to be finalized in November 2024. It is envisioned to have the final findings by March 2025. Furthermore, the **Strategic Communication Strategy and Action Plan** is underway, pending endorsement. This plan will guide strategic communication efforts of PBF across Bosnia and Herzegovina. The strategy will also include **Communication and Visibility Guidelines** to standardize approaches, facilitate project synergies, and provide tools to stakeholders for consistent messaging and coordination across peacebuilding projects in the country.

*Describe overall project progress made during the reporting period (for June reports: January-June; for November reports: January-November; for final reports: full project duration). Do not list individual activities. If the project is starting to make/has made a difference at the outcome level, provide specific evidence for the progress (quantitative and qualitative) and explain how it impacts the broader political and peacebuilding context.*

**Is the project on track for the timely completion of outputs as indicated in the workplan?**

Yes

If no, please provide an explanation (6000 characters):

Project progress summary (6000 characters):

The main activities under the project are on track and have been implemented by PDA in the period from January to August 2024. The PBF Secretariat was formed between July to October 2024, and the main responsibilities have thus been transferred.

Here is an overview of activities:

A.1.1.1. Recruitment and administration of the Secretariat staff has been completed in October 2024, with all four positions filled.

A.1.2.1. Transitional justice process

Hiring process for the Internal expert has been finalized. The first field visit is expected at the end of November 2024. There has been a delay in the finalization of recruitment for the local expert, but this will be finalized shortly. Throughout the process, regular consultations with the Senior Human Rights Advisor were held and additional consultation were held with Ministry of Justice.

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**A.1.2.2. Mapping of peacebuilding actors and interventions**

The Secretariat is currently in the process of mapping peacebuilding actors jointly through an advisory role for DFF3's ongoing mapping of peacebuilding initiatives. The Secretariat will expand on the research by additionally mapping peacebuilding interventions, donor mapping and funding gaps identification in order to identify programmatic entry points for PBF.

**A.1.2.4. Coordination and strategic support to ensure design quality of PBF projects**

The Secretariat regularly provided quality assurance to PBF projects including in the design phase of the Hate Speech concept note. In addition to this, the Secretariat is also involved in other process pertinent to the implementation process of currently ongoing projects – SPSC has requested no cost extension, which necessitated project document and budget revision. This is expected to become operational in November 2024, where six additional months will be granted to project in order to ensure delivery of all planned deliverables.

**A.1.2.5. Technical support to help ensure at least 30% of the PBF funds are allocated to gender/women empowerment and youth**

The Secretariat is involved in regular monitoring of all ongoing PBF interventions and thus ensuring gender and youth indicators on all PBF interventions are duly reported.

**A.1.3.1. Oversight of the RC within the framework of the peacebuilding programming**

The Secretariat is supporting the RC within the peacebuilding framework, especially following close collaboration with the Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA). The joint planning workshop, held in October 2024, helped the Secretariat identify potential challenges that could lie ahead in the upcoming period, as well as develop mitigation measures for overcoming them and share these insights with the RC.

**A.1.3.2. Coordination mechanism between UN agencies implementing PBF projects**

The Secretariat has been holding joint and individual meetings with all UN agencies implementing PBF projects to ensure coherence and quality of implementation. These meetings have been crucial for fostering communication and collaboration across the various projects, and have primarily served an advisory capacity.

To further enhance coordination, the Secretariat Communications Analyst regularly facilitates communication meetings and some joint activities have already taken place as a result, strengthening the overall coherence and impact of the PBF portfolio. These ongoing efforts will continue to ensure that all projects are aligned with broader UN peacebuilding goals and that synergies are maximized across initiatives.

**A.1.3.4. Synergy between projects and relevant projects during the design and implementation phases**

The Secretariat is following up with PBF portfolio through both individual as well as joint meetings – including all UN agencies and CSOs that are implementing PBF projects.

**A. 1.4.1. Establishment of a dedicated PBF Joint Steering Committee**

*\*please see section above on Joint Steering Committee*



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**A.2.1.1. Design and provide oversight of quality M&E plans for all PBF projects**

The Secretariat held individual meetings with all ongoing PBF projects, with specific focus on M&E. Below is an overview of progress when it comes the assessment of M&E plans:

1. SPSC – results framework was amended following no cost extension request.
2. WPS Results framework was amended, jointly with the Secretariat and the project, and will be sent to the PBSO for approval through an annual 2024 narrative report. WPS selected an external service provider for an evaluability assessment, mid-term review and final evaluation. First meeting was held in November 2024 and the implementation is expected to start shortly.
3. DFF3 –M&E plan has been prepared, including perception surveys which will be used to measure social cohesion indicators during the implementation.
4. Peacestory – M&E guidelines were shared with the project and an individual meeting was held between the Secretariat and the selected M&E Consultant.

**A.2.1.2. Quality assure semi-annual, annual and final PBF project reports**

All PBF projects have been quality assured and comments and suggestions for improvement have been shared timely pertaining to both narrative as well as financial reports.

**A.2.1.3. Quality assure evaluation deliverables of all PBF projects**

The Secretariat shared reviews and quality assured evaluation TORs for SPSC project to be published by both IOM as well as UNDP.

**A.2.1.7. M&E Plan for the PBF Strategic Results Framework**

M&E Plan for the PBF Strategic Results Framework will be finalized in Q2 of 2025, once the Public opinion poll, that will focus on social cohesion, is finalized.

In the meantime, Secretariat prepared Grants overview, enabling coherent and unified overview of all grants allocated to the civil society by all UN agencies that focus on peacebuilding efforts. This is envisioned to prevent double dipping by “usual suspects” and also guide the strategic approach more coherently.

**A.2.2.1. Communication strategy**

A draft communication strategy has been developed and is pending endorsement. Centered on human-interest storytelling, multi-channel outreach, and engagement with diverse stakeholders, including media, the strategy positions the PBF as a key driver of long-term peace. It celebrates donor contributions, emphasizes local ownership, and highlights the role of BiH institutions and the Peacebuilding Committee in advancing PBF initiatives, especially given BiH's eligibility for continued funding.

**A.2.2.2. Visibility of the PBF activities**

Ongoing support is provided regularly to strengthen cooperation and establish best practices. In parallel, draft guidelines are being developed within the broader communication strategy, pending endorsement, to enhance visibility and engagement with PBF initiatives and ensure synergy across projects. This includes tools and guidelines for standardizing and elevating PBF visibility, encompassing logo usage, language, and social media practices. The objective is to deepen public awareness of PBF's impact, foster support for peacebuilding, social cohesion, and resilience, and promote consistency in communication across all PBF-supported efforts.

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Indicate any additional analysis on how Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment and/or Youth Inclusion and Responsiveness has been ensured by the project to date (3000 characters):

Is the project 1+ year in implementation? No

**FOR PROJECTS 1+ YEAR IN IMPLEMENTATION ONLY:**

**Is the project demonstrating outcome-level peacebuilding results?** No

*Outcome-level peacebuilding results entail results achieved at the societal or structural level, including changed attitudes, behaviours or institutions.*

If yes, please provide concrete examples of such peacebuilding results (6000 characters):

If yes, please provide sources or references (including links) as evidence of peacebuilding results, or submit them as additional attachments.

*Evidence may be quantitative or qualitative but needs to demonstrate progress against outcome indicators in the project results framework.*

*Sources may include project surveys (such as perception surveys), monitoring reports, government documents, or other knowledge products that have been developed by the project.*

**PART II: PROJECT RESULTS FRAMEWORK**

**Using the Project Results Framework as per the approved project document or any amendments, provide an update on the achievement of key outcome and output indicators in the table below.**

- If the outcome has more than 3 indicators, select the 3 most relevant ones with most relevant progress to highlight.
- If the outcome has more than 5 outputs, please select 5 of the most relevant outputs per outcome, and provide an update on the progress made against 3 most relevant output indicators.
- Where it has not been possible to collect data on indicators, state this and provide any explanation. Provide gender and age disaggregated data. (500 characters max per entry).

**Outcome 1: The PBF portfolio is well coordinated to ensure synergies and greater impact for peacebuilding in BiH.**



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<b>Outcome Indicators</b>	<b>Indicator Baseline</b>	<b>End of project Indicator Target</b>	<b>Indicator progress to Date</b>	<b>Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)</b>
Indicator 1.1 <b>Level of coordination between the PBF portfolio and key government, NGO and development partners</b>	<b>limited</b>	<b>Regular meetings between PBF projects and key stakeholders, including through the JSC and improved awareness of key stakeholders of PBF portfolio.</b>	On track, regular meetings with PBF projects and key stakeholders held.	PBF Secretariat established fully in Oct 2024
Indicator 1.2 <b>Level of satisfaction of key UN, government, and NGO stakeholders with PBF Secretariat support</b>	<b>TBC (after 1 year of operation, to be undertaken through an online survey)</b>	<b>TBC</b>	Online survey will be administered in the summer of 2025, allowing the Secretariat to be functional for at least 3Qs prior to the assessment.	PBF Global Annual survey held in October 2024, results to be available in 2025.

**Output 1.1: The PBF Secretariat is established and is functional.**

<b>Output Indicators</b>	<b>Indicator Baseline)</b>	<b>End of project Indicat or Target</b>	<b>Indicator progress for reporting period)</b>	<b>Indicator progress to Date</b>	<b>Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)</b>
Indicator 1.1.1 <b>PBF Secretariat set up and its capacity is strengthened.</b>	<b>No PBF Secretariat</b>	<b>PBF Secretariat established and fully functional</b>	PBF Secretariat established and fully functional.	On track	PBF Secretariat formed and fully functional since October 2024.

**Output 1.2: PBF portfolio programs respond to PBF programming quality criteria**

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Indicator 1.2.1 <b>Support to strategic interventions related to peacebuilding in BiH.</b>	n/a	TBD by the JSC	On track	On track	
Indicator 1.2.2 <b>At least 30% of total PBF funds are dedicated to gender and/or women empowerment related issues.</b>	n/a	At least 30%	On track	On track	

**Output 1.3: Coordination mechanisms between projects and keys partners are created to achieve strategic results of the PBF portfolio and ensure coherence/synergies between PBF projects and activities.**

<b>Output Indicators</b>	<b>Indicator Baseline</b>	<b>End of project Indicator Target</b>	<b>Indicator progress for reporting period</b>	<b>Indicator progress to Date</b>	<b>Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)</b>
Indicator 1.3.1 <b>Monthly meetings between UN agencies implementing PBF projects, to ensure coordination.</b>	Not established	12 per year	6 meetings held	12 meetings held	
Indicator 1.3.2 # of capacity building trainings, workshops led by PBF Secretariat and RCO on improving conflict and gender sensitive approaches to programming, M&E	n/a	TBC	Support provided in design of CNs and Annual reports and ProDocs PBF projects	Support provided in design of CNs and Annual reports and ProDocs PBF projects	

**Output 1.4: Establishment and support to the functioning of the PBF Joint Steering Committee and other relevant oversight committees.**

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Output Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Indicator progress for reporting period	Indicator progress to Date	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
Indicator 1.4.1 <b>Peacebuilding Committee is established.</b>	<b>No Committee</b>	<b>Committee established</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	Inaugural Peacebuilding Committee held in February 2024, the second one is expected in December. Official endorsement by the CoM is awaited.

**Outcome 2: Improved result tracking, learning and communications on PBF portfolio progress and impact**

Outcome Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Indicator progress to Date	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)
Indicator 2.1 <b>Increased impact and visibility of the PBF programme monitored and communicated to stakeholders, donors and members of the public.</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>TBC</b>	<b>n/a</b>	PBF Secretariat established fully in Oct 2024 Pending endorsement of the communication strategy, which includes defined baseline indicators for measuring impact and effectiveness.
Indicator 2.2 <b>Initial catalytic effects registered and communicated to donors.</b>	<b>limited interaction with other potential donors</b>	Systematic engagement with IFIs and other emerging/new donors through RC,	<b>On track</b>	PBF Secretariat established fully in Oct 2024 Pending endorsement of the

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		with partners showcasing the achievements of the PBF fund		communication strategy, which includes defined baseline indicators for measuring impact and effectiveness.

**Output 2.1: Ensure quality monitoring and evaluation of the PBF portfolio.**

<b>Output Indicators</b>	<b>Indicator Baseline</b>	<b>End of project Indicator Target</b>	<b>Indicator progress for reporting period</b>	<b>Indicator progress to Date</b>	<b>Reasons for Variance / Delay (if any)</b>
Indicator 2.1.1 <b>M&amp;E of the PBF Strategic Result Framework in place and data is collected against the indicators.</b>	<b>Not established</b>	<b>M&amp;E Plan of PBF Strategic Result Framework is in place and used to collect data</b>	Recruitment of M&E Officer has been finalized.	Recruitment of M&E Officer has been finalized.	Public opinion survey will be conducted starting in November 2024, when social cohesion indicators will be collected.
Indicator 2.1.2 <b>Improved availability of data on social cohesion and peacebuilding, disaggregated by sex and age groups.</b>	<b>limited</b>	<b>Reliable data available</b>	Recruitment of M&E Officer has been finalized.	Recruitment of M&E Officer has been finalized.	Public opinion poll will start in Q4 2024.
Indicator 2.1.3 <b>PBF projects baselines in place within 6 months of project start.</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>TBC</b>	Baselines being defined for WPS and DFF3, instruction given to	Baselines being defined for WPS and	WPS has been advised to revise some of the indicators

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			PEACESTORY which started with implementation in September 2024.	DFF3, instruction given to PEACE STORY which started with implementation in September 2024.	and add additional ones.

**Output 2.2: Ensure strong communication and visibility of the PBF Portfolio, including on its progress, best practices, and lessons learned.**

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Indicator 2.2.1 <b>Number of visibility stories on PBF projects developed and published.</b>	<b>Not established</b>	<b>TBC</b>	Communication analyst recruitment finalized.		Pending endorsement of the communication strategy, which includes defined baseline indicators for measuring impact

**Please repeat the outcome level and output level reporting for each outcome and its respective outputs**

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**PART III: CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES**

Is the project planning any significant events in the next 6 months (e.g., national dialogues, youth congresses, film screenings, etc.)? please select yes, as outlined below.

If yes, please state how many, and for each, provide the approximate date of the event and a brief description, including its key objectives, target audience and location (if known).

<b><i>Event Description</i></b>	<b><i>Tentative Date</i></b>	<b><i>Location</i></b>	<b><i>Target Audience</i></b>	<b><i>Event Objectives (900 characters)</i></b>
War Childhood Museum – mark the beginning of the project	November	Sarajevo	Media, CSOs, Donors, General Public	To officially announce this PBF-supported project, arrange a visit by the UN Resident Coordinator to the Museum, accompanied +, featuring a presentation of the project activities. This event will reinforce this crucial partnership with involved CSOs and leverage the Museum's role as a leading cultural hub and CSO on national, regional, and international levels, highlighting PBF initiatives and the key issues they address.
BIRN – project kick-off	December tbc	Sarajevo	Media, CSOs, Donors, General Public	To officially kick-off this PBF-supported project, and reinforce this vital partnership and leverage the role of investigative media at regional and international levels, while highlighting PBF initiatives and the critical issues they address.
SPSC project 3 <sup>rd</sup> Steering Committee Meeting	November	Livno	Members of the Steering Committee (UN, IOM, UNDP and representatives of respective government authorities)	Review results and plan for 2025
2 <sup>nd</sup> Peacebuilding Committee meeting	November/December	Sarajevo	Members of the Steering Committee	Review results related to PBF engagement to date and plan for 2025
WPS project 2 <sup>nd</sup> Steering Committee Meeting	December	TBC	Members of the Steering Committee	Review results and plan for 2025
Celebrating the 10 <sup>th</sup> DFF project anniversary	November-December	Online campaign	Government, beneficiaries, CSOs,	Reviving the DFF legacy and presentation of DFF3



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			media, academia, PBF projects and donors.	
Signing ceremony with 10 partner local governments.	December	Presidency of BiH/Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina	Government , beneficiaries, CSOs, media, academia, PBF projects and donors.	Official presentation of DFF3 and signing ceremony with 10 selected local government partners.
Strategic Dialogue with Media Representatives	December 2024	TBD	Media representatives (editors and journalists), NGOs covering media field, academia and individual researchers	To identify roadmap of engagement with media representatives across relevant outcomes and outputs related to amplifying voices of women and their role in peacebuilding. Dialogue is based on lessons learned from previous activities where it became evident to have efficient investment in media, there is a need for inclusion of higher level of media and broad range of stakeholders to explore potential synergies with other similar streams of activities.
Human Rights Week – WPS collaboration with Sarajevo Film Festival (SFF)	December 2024/ January 2025	TBC	Women, Peace and Security actors, the artistic community and the general public	As a part of the Sarajevo Film (SFF) Festival extended program, Human Rights Week will consist of screening of One Film Onsite in the targeted local community. This aligns with Human right day and include group discussion/ The event of Promotion of the Amira Lekić Award, an annual award for a young female for their outstanding contributions in the film industry is organized in the beginning of 2'25 as the first event of the SFF

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First WPS networking event for women-led CSOs in BiH	28-29 November 2024	Sarajevo	Forty to sixty women affiliated with women-led CSOs from various project-targeted communities, who are committed to the local implementation of WPS.	The first WPS networking event for women-led CSOs in BiH addresses the growing need for stronger collaboration among these organizations, a need that became increasingly evident after community mapping field visits. The networking event aims to foster collaboration and dialogue on the localization of the WPS Agenda. The event seeks to promote the localization of the WPS agenda by encouraging discussions, share best practices and lessons learned, identify key barriers and opportunities for women-led CSOs, strengthen advocacy on policies related to WPS.
Community dialogues	Nov 2024 – Nov 2025	Project identified communities	Local authorities and civil society with a focus on women's associations in the project identified local communities	Community dialogues will serve as a platform to ensure participative process of identifying WPS related community needs and concerns, to build upon through partner interventions. The will also serve as a point of partnership with local authorities to ensure they have the tools and capacities to use them as a citizen participation and consultation model in their work.
CSW69 Side-event on WPS	March 2025	New York	CSW69 delegates, participants, international CSOs and development organizations	WPS-themed side event at the CSW69 to promote WPS-HA Compact signatories from BiH and reflect on the WPS implementation in BiH from the perspective of the Beijing +30 review process.
Community Dialogues: 9 in total, 7 inter-municipal ones	November 2024 – March 2025	Bosanski Petrovac, Ključ, Drvar, Sanski Most, Livno, Glamoč, Mrkonjić Grad, Ribnik, Bosansko Grahovo	Community members, local authorities, NGO/CSOs representatives	Through these dialogues, the project will facilitate finding solutions to identified challenges, including supporting the selection of priority community interventions. This includes improving social services through small grants to formal and informal groups for implementing community initiatives and activities. Additionally, the project will provide feedback on the potential impact of these interventions on the community. As trust and familiarity are built, these dialogues will offer opportunities to increase interactions between local government and citizens, allowing them to discuss common concerns

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				such as divisive narratives, hate speech, and social cohesion.
“Social Services and psychosocial Support in peacebuilding”	November 2024	Banja Luka	PRESTO project participants and other selected project beneficiaries	To contribute to the joint UNCT campaign marking SDG progress, IOM partner Psiholuminis will organize the final event of their project PRESTO during SDG Week from 4th to 8th November 2024, in cooperation with and supported by IOM and UNDP. The event aims to demonstrate how project activities, not only those implemented by Psiholuminis but also those supported by UNDP to create professional networks, contribute to SDG implementation. It highlights three development pathways: (i) Good Governance and Public Sector Management, (ii) Smart Growth, and (iii) Creation of a Society of Equal Opportunities, along with two horizontal themes: (i) the principle of Leave No One Behind and (ii) Human Capital for the Future.
3rd Forum of Social Protection Practitioners	January 2025	TBD	Social protection practitioners, mayors, respective cantonal and entity ministers, police, public prosecution	By foster collaboration among target audiences, the goal is to strengthen the social welfare system through improved stakeholder coordination, and enhanced service delivery. To do so it is necessary to address challenges in protecting vulnerable populations and ensure the effective implementation of social protection policies.
4th Forum of Social Protection Practitioners	April 2025	TBD	Social protection practitioners, mayors, respective cantonal and entity ministers	To gather a target audience to discuss common issues and consider options for the forum’s sustainability after the completion of the SPSC project

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### Human Impact

This section is about the human impact of the project. Please state the number of key stakeholders (including but not limited to: Civil Society Organizations, Beneficiaries etc.) of the project, and for each, please briefly describe:

- i. The challenges/problem they faced prior to the project implementation
- ii. The impact of the project on their lives
- iii. Provide, where possible, a quote or testimonial from a representative of each stakeholder group

Type of stakeholder	What has been the impact of the project on their lives (2000 characters)	Provide, where possible, a quote or testimonial from the stakeholder (2000 characters)
Proactive individuals across the country are making significant contributions to their communities strengthening social cohesion and fostering trust in their local communities.	To highlight the outstanding contributions of individuals who harness the power of dialogue and collaboration to heal communities and promote lasting peace through PBF-supported initiatives, we shared their inspiring stories, underscoring the transformative role of local activism in fostering peace throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina. We showcased 12 exceptional individuals as part of the “12 Days of Activism for Peace” campaign. The campaign began on the International Day of Peace, September 21, and concluded on October 2, the International Day of Non-Violence.	Driven by a deep compassion for others and a commitment to creating a more just society, <b>Dobriša Zelić, a passionate young activist from Ribnik</b> , is forging opportunities for youth and inspiring her peers to believe in the transformative power of local change. As a co-founder of the “ <i>Mladi grade budućnost</i> ” Youth Association and an active member of the Student Council, she has led numerous humanitarian initiatives to assist disadvantaged families and promote volunteerism. Dobriša firmly believes that youth have the power to transform their communities through active engagement. “ <i>My goal is not only to raise awareness about the importance of human values in our community but also to create tangible, positive changes in people’s lives, especially for children, by giving them a chance at a better future,</i> ” she emphasizes. “ <i>I envision my community as a place where we all unite to build a world rooted in tolerance and respect.</i> ” Guided by the same desire to support their communities, other young activists across Bosnia and Herzegovina are stepping up to create positive change at the local level. <b>Mirza Muratagić, who was engaged as a UN volunteer at the Center for Social Welfare in Ključ</b> through a project supported by the United Nations Secretary-General’s

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		<p>Peacebuilding Fund (PBF), draws on his experience from non-governmental organizations to advocate for the community's most vulnerable members. <i>“Volunteering represents a pathway to personal and community transformation. We never know when we might need help from others. When we do good things, the inspiration to contribute to a good cause comes naturally. Challenges are always present, but every obstacle can be overcome with effort”</i>, Mirza shares.</p> <p>Further south, approximately 80 kilometers from Ključ in Glamoč, <b>young activist Lorena Gvozden</b> is on a mission to inspire young women and men to stay in their hometown and country by creating jobs and opportunities. She believes Glamoč has the potential to be a thriving environment for young talents, allowing them to build a brighter future.</p> <p>In various ways, yet united by a common purpose, Dobrila, Mirza, and Lorena demonstrate that local activism led by young people can truly impact their communities, fostering stronger and more inclusive environments across Bosnia and Herzegovina. Their work resonates with the belief held by <b>Vahidin Omanović and Mevludin Rahmanović, founders of the Center for Peacebuilding in Sanski Most</b>. These dedicated individuals are committed to the idea that societal transformation begins with empowering youth. <i>“Our biggest challenge is helping young people understand the power they have to bring about positive changes”</i> said Vahidin and Mevludin.</p> <p><b>Nedim Krajišnik, Director of the Sarajevo-based Step by Step Centre for Educational Initiatives</b> and an education expert passionate about peacebuilding, embodies the belief in collective effort. He leads</p>
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		<p>transformative projects aimed at empowering teachers and students while fostering collaboration in classrooms throughout the country. <i>“Peace has no substitute; it’s an unquestionable human need”,</i> he emphasizes, highlighting his commitment to creating inclusive, peace-driven educational initiatives. Similarly, journalist and researcher <b>Velma Šarić, founder of the Post-Conflict Research Center (PCRC) in Sarajevo</b>, has devoted her career to peacebuilding and defending human rights, particularly among young people in the Western Balkans region.</p> <p><b>Amina Krvavac, Executive Director of the War Childhood Museum in Sarajevo</b>, also empowers young people to engage in peacebuilding through education programs. The Museum plays a vital role in reconciliation by preserving the stories of those whose childhoods were shaped by war, not only in Bosnia and Herzegovina but also in conflict zones like Ukraine and Syria. <i>“We have created a safe environment where those willing can share their experiences of growing up in war and find a community of people who share that experience. This strengthens their sense of belonging and mutual support, which I consider essential for healing individuals and, consequently, for society as a whole”,</i> Amina says.</p> <p>Activists like <b>Radmila Žigić, Director of the "Lara" Foundation from Bijeljina</b>, who has been fighting for women's rights for over two decades, and <b>Midheta Kaloper Oruli, President of the "Foča 1992-1995" Association for Wartime Victims</b>, who advocates for support for women survivors of sexual violence during the war, exemplify resilience and determination. "Our pain is not our</p>
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		<p>shame, but our courage," emphasizes Midheta.</p> <p>In Tuzla, <b>Dr. Branka Antić Štauber, President of the “Snaga žene” Association</b>, provides psychological and medical support to war-affected individuals. Her work on trauma healing is vital for helping survivors rebuild their lives.</p> <p><b>Spasoje Kulaga, a war veteran</b>, shares this belief. After the war, he <b>founded the "Pravi Požar" Association in Derventa</b> to help everyone, facing the past with the goal of reconciliation.</p>
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina	<p>Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina joined the campaign “<i>12 Days of Activism for Peace</i>”. The campaign was be marked by activities in the country and in numerous diplomatic missions of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the world, with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina.</p> <p>This campaign was led with the support of the PBF.</p>	<p>The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Elmedin Konaković, expressed deep gratitude to the United Nations and international partners for their continuous support in strengthening the stability and long-term sustainability of Bosnia and Herzegovina. “<i>Membership in the European Union remains a strategic goal of our foreign policy, and achieving this goal successfully requires a coordinated and comprehensive approach. The Peacebuilding Fund, as a key instrument of international support, enables us to not only accelerate the fulfillment of priority goal number 5, which relates to the democratic functionality of institutions, but also to enhance capacities at all levels of government for creating an inclusive and sustainable social framework. This project delivers concrete results through the promotion of dialogue, reconciliation, and active citizen participation in the peacebuilding process, laying the foundation for long-term stability.</i>” The Minister emphasized that “<i>working together to rebuild trust among all peoples in Bosnia and Herzegovina must remain a priority for all political, social, and international actors. The campaign ‘12 Days of Activism for Peace’ not only</i></p>

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		<p><i>promotes key achievements in the peacebuilding process but also represents a platform for stronger community connections, contributing to the long-term sustainability of peace and cohesion within society. This project reflects our commitment to European values, including respect for human rights, equality, and shared prosperity, and sends a strong message to the international community about the maturity of Bosnia and Herzegovina as a future member of the European Union.”</i></p>
Youth	<p>The <i>"Invest in Youth – Invest in Peace"</i> project, launched under the Sustaining Peace and Social Cohesion (SPSC) program with PBF support, empowers youth across Bosnia and Herzegovina as peacebuilders. Bringing together 20 young people from diverse ethnic backgrounds, the project focuses on fostering unity and understanding, especially in more homogenous communities. Through Peace Camps, participants explore peacebuilding concepts, identity, and dialogue, while developing leadership, empathy, and community organizing skills. These camps help break down historical divides, build trust, and inspire youth to actively contribute to social cohesion in their communities.</p>	<p><b>Teodora Kaurin, a participant from Ribnik</b>, shared her experience: <i>“When I arrived at the Peace Camp, I was carrying a lot of assumptions and fears. It was my first time connecting with peers from different backgrounds, and I worried they wouldn’t accept me. But I found friendships I never expected and was able to explore different cultures and beliefs with an open mind. I realized we’re not so different after all.”</i></p> <p>One participant, <b>Amina Bećirević from Ključ</b>, reflected on the impact of meeting local peace activists: <i>“The stories shared by activists inspired me deeply. Before, I thought change was impossible here, but their journeys taught me that transformation is within reach. This experience is invaluable, and I’m ready to use what I’ve learned to make a difference in my community.”</i></p>

In addition to the stakeholder specific impact described above, please use this space to describe any additional human impact that the project has had (4000 characters):

You can also upload up to 3 files in various formats (picture files, PowerPoint, pdf, video, etc..) to illustrate the human impact of the project and/or provide links to online resources (OPTIONAL).

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**Please tick the applicable change based on above narrative.**

How we worked: (please select up to 3) (3000 characters in each selected option)

- ☐ Enhanced digitization [please explain]
- ☐ Innovative ways of working<sup>1</sup> [please explain]
- ☐ Mobilized additional resources [please explain]
- ☐ Improved or initiated policy frameworks [please explain]
- ☐ Strengthened capacities [please explain]
- ☐ Partnered with local/grassroots civil society organizations [please explain]
- ☒ Expanding coalitions & galvanizing political will [please explain]
- ☐ Strengthened partnerships with IFIs [please explain]
- ☒ Strengthened partnerships within UN Agencies [please explain]

Who are we working with (in addition to the Implementing Partners) (3000 characters):

- ☐ Strengthened partnerships with IFIs [please explain]
- ☒ Strengthened partnerships within UN Agencies [please explain]
- ☐ Partnered with local civil society organizations [please explain]
- ☐ Partnered with local academia [please explain]
- ☐ Partnered with sub-national entities [please explain]
- ☒ Partnered with national entities [please explain]
- ☐ Partnered with local volunteers [please explain]

**LNOB – Leaving No one Behind:** Select all beneficiaries targeted with the PBF resources as evidenced by the narrative? [mandatory]

- ☐ Unemployed persons
- ☐ Minorities (e.g. race, ethnicity, linguistic, religion, etc.)
- ☐ Indigenous communities
- ☐ Persons with Disabilities
- ☐ Persons affected by violence (e.g. GBV)
- ☐ Women
- ☐ Youth
- ☐ Children
- ☐ Minorities related to sexual orientation and/or gender identity and expression
- ☐ People living in and around border areas
- ☐ Persons affected by natural disasters
- ☐ Persons affected by armed conflicts

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<sup>1</sup> Where innovation is defined as **a product, service, or strategy that's both novel and useful**. Innovations don't have to be major breakthroughs in technology or digital solutions but includes here a new and/or creative approach to solving development challenges.

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- ☐ Internally displaced persons, refugees or migrants

**PART IV: MONITORING, EVALUATION AND COMPLIANCE**

<p><b><u>Monitoring:</u></b> Please list key monitoring activities undertaken in the reporting period (3000 characters):</p> <p>Regular meeting with PBF portfolio Public opinion poll to be conducted by the external service provider selected through an RFP, expected to start in November 2024 and be finalized in March 2025.</p>	<p>Do outcome indicators have baselines? yes If yes, please provide a brief description (3000 characters): If not, explain why not and when they will be available (3000 characters):</p> <p>Elaborate on what sources of evidence have been used to report on indicators (and are available upon request) (3000 characters):</p> <p>Has the project launched outcome level data collection initiatives e.g. perception surveys yes</p> <p>Has the project used or established community feedback mechanisms? no</p> <p>If yes, please provide a brief description (3000 characters):</p> <p>When it comes to the collection of baselines, and in order to enhance the understanding of the peacebuilding efforts in the country, including the levels of social cohesion and trust building efforts, the Secretariat of the Peace Building Fund is commissioning Service Provider to conduct a Public opinion poll through an advertised RfP. The Public poll will lean on the previously commissioned public perception surveys in 2015, 2019 and 2022. This upcoming activity will cover both Entities and the Brčko District, involving face-to-face interviews with a representative sample of the population (at least 1,000 people), along with up to six focus groups in different locations across BiH. These focus groups aim to capture nuanced public sentiments and validate the survey results. The sample will be inclusive of all segments of the BiH population, with particular attention to women, youth, the elderly, and marginalized groups. Additionally, efforts will be made to ensure that this survey complements other relevant research being conducted during the same period, particularly those that are project-based.</p>
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<p><b><u>Evaluation:</u></b> Is the project on track to conduct its evaluation? not relevant</p>	<p>Evaluation budget included in the project budget (response required):</p> <p>If project will end in next six months, and the overall project budget is above \$1.5 million, is your upcoming evaluation on track? please select</p> <p>Please describe the preparations (3000 characters):</p> <p>Please mention the focal person responsible for sharing the final evaluation report with the PBF:</p> <p>Name Organization Job title Email</p>
<p><b><u>Catalytic effects (financial):</u></b> Has the project mobilized additional non-PBF financial resources to date? please select</p> <p>If yes, please indicate name of funding agency and amount of additional non-PBF funding support that has been leveraged by the project since it started.</p>	<p>Name of funder:                      Amount (in USD):</p>
<p><b><u>Catalytic Effect (non-financial):</u></b> Has the project enabled or created a larger or longer-term peacebuilding change to occur, in addition to the direct project changes? no</p> <p>If yes, please select the relevant option below:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Some catalytic effect <input type="checkbox"/> Significant catalytic effect</p>	<p>If relevant, please describe how the project has had a (non-financial) catalytic effect, i.e. removed barriers to unblock stalled political, institutional or other peacebuilding processes at different levels in a country, and/or created the conditions to establish new processes to do so (3000 characters):</p>
<p><b><u>Sustainability:</u></b> Please describe any steps that have been taken to ensure the sustainability of peacebuilding gains, including any mechanisms, platforms, networks and socio-economic initiatives supported, beyond the duration of the project (3000 characters):</p>	
<p><b><u>Other:</u></b> Are there any other issues concerning project implementation that you want to share, including any capacity needs of the recipient organizations? (3000 characters):</p>	

**Monitoring and Oversight Activities<sup>2</sup>**

Name of the event	Summary	Key findings
Public Opinion poll	RFP finalized and procurement process being finalized.	Key findings available in March 2025.
WPS RF Update	Results framework remains unpopulated after 1 year of	It is crucial to develop M&E tools prior to project implementation,

<sup>2</sup> These include Steering Committee meetings, Monitoring visits, Third party monitoring, Community based monitoring, any data collection, Perception or other survey findings, evaluation reports, audit or investigations.

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	implementation, which is why it was suggested to upgrade it in order to allow Project to capture available data.	in order to ensure baseline is captured timely and which will allow for the Project to capture progress (or lack of).
DFF 3 Monitoring and Evaluation Plan development	Perception surveys developed together with the DFF 3 project, which will be used to capture baseline as well as progress indicators.	It is crucial to develop M&E tools prior to project implementation, in order to ensure baseline is captured timely and which will allow for the Project to capture progress (or lack of).
Grant monitoring database	Grant monitoring database developed in order to capture overview of all grants awarded within the UN agencies (PBF and other donors) within the peacebuilding segment.	29 grants allocated to different CSOs and citizens' associations in the country, mainly focusing on topics such as civic engagement.